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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. la is a block diagram showing a path taken by video data being distributed over a network. Input video signal 10 is fed into an encoder 12, which converts input video signal 10 into video data in the form of a machine-readable series of bits, or bitstream. The video data are then stored on a server 14, pending a request for the video data. When server 14 receives a request for the video data, it sends the data to a transmitter channel 16, which transmits the data 18 along a communication channel on the network. A receiver 20 receives the data 18 and sends the data as a bitstream to a decoder 22. Decoder 22 converts the received bitstream into an output video signal 24, which may then be viewed.

